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SHILLONG

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### NOTIFICATION

The 2<sup>nd</sup> July, 2015.

**No.DC.XXVII/Genl/71/2015/3.** - In exercise of the powers conferred under Section 13 of the Khasi Hills Autonomous District (Nomination and Election of the Syiem, Deputy Syiem and Electors of Syiemship) Act, 2003 as amended, hereinafter called the “Principal Act”, the Executive Committee, Khasi Hills Autonomous District Council is pleased to approve and notify the following Rules for effective implementation of the provisions of the said Act, namely: -

### THE ADMINISTRATION OF NONGSTOIN SYIEMSHIP (FIRST AMENDMENT) RULES, 2015.

#### THE AMENDMENT

To further codify (amend) for providing and making provisions for the administration of Villages in the Nongstoin Syiemship or Hima Nongstoin.

#### PREAMBLE

WHEREAS under the Khasi Hills Autonomous District (Nomination and Election of the Syiem, Deputy Syiem and Electors of Nongstoin Syiemship) Act, 2003 as amended and the rules framed thereunder, the Executive Dorbar/Dorbar Syiem of Nongstoin Syiemship is empowered to make rules with respect for the day to day administration of the Syiemship in accordance with the customary practices;

Whereas to usher in an efficient system of village administration within the framework of the existing system of the Khasi form of Ka Synshar, Ka Khadar, Ka Bishar (traditional governance

and adjudication) which is based on prevailing and well established social custom, the principle of egalitarianism, consensus decision making and participative action, and the spirit of solidarity; and pro-actively aiming for improving the socio-economic life and sustainable use of natural resources, judicious engagement with the market economy and the Khasi democratic system, and protecting and upholding the uniqueness of Khasi culture;

Whereas to provide for a village administration that will reflect all aspects of good governance in which priority will be given to issues of community participation in decision making, transparency and accountability in such decisions which also should be in conformity with the Khasi custom and enlightened code of moral conduct and ethics embedded in values and principle of honesty, justice, righteousness, respect, honour, dignity, etiquette and manners;

Whereas the tenets of Khasi values that have guided the Khasi society from time immemorial such as Ka Tip Briew Ka Tip Blei ( to acknowledge man is to acknowledge God), Ban Kamai Ia Ka Hok (to strive for righteousness and justice), Ban pdiang ia kaba bha bad ban bret ia kaba sniew (to accept what is right and to reject what is wrong), Ban bat ia ka burom ka akor (to hold on to propriety and honour), Ban bat ia ka nia ka jutang (word of honour) and Ka ktien kaba tam (upholding the honour of spoken word) shall form the guiding principle behind every decision making;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Syiem and his Dorbar of Nongstoin Syiemship in exercise of the powers conferred upon it under Section 13 of the Khasi Hills Autonomous District(Nomination and Election of the Syiem, Deputy Syiem and Electors of Nongstoin Syiemship) Act, 2003 as amended, and Rule 19 of the Administration of Nongstoin Syiemship Rules, 2006 and of all other powers enabling it on that behalf hereby codified and provide as follows:-

**1. SHORT TITLE, EXTENT AND COMMENCEMENT:-**

- (1) This Rule may be called the Administration of Nongstoin Syiemship (First Amendment) Rules, 2015.
- (2) It shall extend to the whole of Nongstoin Syiemship or Hima Nongstoin.
- (3) It shall come into force with effect from the date of approval by the Executive Committee, Khasi Hills Autonomous District Council.

**2. Amendment of Rule 2 of the Administration of Nongstoin Syiemship Rules, 2006.**

In the existing Rule 2 of the Rules, 2006, the following definitions shall be inserted with the following:-

**XLI. Definition:**

- (1) **“Syiem and his Dorbar”** means a Dorbar Syiem or Executive Dorbar presided over by the Syiem with certain members from among the Electors and elders/representatives of the Hima, the number of which shall be determined, and the names of which shall be approved

by the Executive Committee on the recommendation of the Syiem or Acting Syiem as the case may be. The function of this Dorbar is to run the day to day administration of the Syiemship/Hima.

- (2) **“District”** means the Khasi Hills Autonomous District;
- (3) **“District Council”** means the Khasi Hills Autonomous District Council constituted under the Sixth Schedule to the Constitution of India;
- (4) **“Dong or Kyntoit”** means a subordinate part or locality of a village and has a distinct identity within that village only.
- (5) **“Dorbar Shnong”** means the traditional village institution of the village of the Khasis and composed of all Khasi inhabitants or in the village inhabited by the Dko of not less than 18 years of age, where the prevailing age-old customary and traditional governance and adjudication are carried -out;
- (6) **“Executive Committee”** means the Executive Committee of the Khasi Hills Autonomous District Council;
- (7) **“Executive Dorbar”** means the elected or nominated members and office bearers of the Dorbar Shnong consisting of the Myntri or Sordar or Headman or Rangbah Shnong as the case may be the administrative head of the village including the Lyngdoh/Basan/Lyngskor who resided in that village, Deputy Myntri/Sordar/Headman or Rangbah Shnong, the Secretary, the treasurer, the Sangot or any other office bearers the Dorbar Shnong deem necessary;
- (8) **“Ka Burom Ka Akor”** refers to the Khasi Social rules of respect, honour and dignity and the guiding rules of social conduct, etiquette and manners in any kind of social interactions;
- (9) **“Ka Hok ka Sot”** refers to the Khasi social principle of honesty, justice and righteousness and it shall be the guiding principle of administration of a Village or Ka Dorbar Shnong;
- (10) **“Ka Synshar, Ka Khadar, Ka Bishar”** means the prevailing age-old customary and traditional governance and adjudication;
- (11) **“Khasi”** means a person belonging to Khasi indigenous tribe who may be a Khasi, Jaintia, Pnar, Synteng, War, Bhoi or Lyngngam or who is recognised or deemed as such under prevailing Khasi Custom.
- (12) **“Khlaw- Adong or Khlaw Shnong”** means village forests protected and kept apart by the villagers for conserving water and bio-diversity with restricted access and use;
- (13) **“Khlaw Lyngdoh or Khlaw Kyntang or Khlaw Niam”** refers to sacred forests and kept apart as religious sites;
- (14) **“Ka Pynskhem Dkhot Dorbar”** means the annual process of identifying, introducing and inducting of Khasi inhabitants of the village who have attained the age of 18 years in the Dorbar Shnong and shall be carried-out by the Dorbar Shnong annually;
- (15) **“Prescribed”** means prescribed under the Nongstoin Syiemship Act, 2003 and the Rules framed thereunder.

- (16) **“Rangbah Dong”** means a sub-traditional head of the “Dong” within the territorial jurisdiction and administrative control of a particular Dorbar Shnong jurisdiction of Nongstoin Syiemship or Hima Nongstoin.
- (17) **“Rangbah Shnong”** means the traditional head of a Village which shall also include a Sordar Shnong, a Myntri, a Headman as the case may be falling within the jurisdiction of Nongstoin Syiemship and elected or selected as per prevailing custom in the village or Hima;
- (18) **“U Sangot”** means a person duly appointed by the Dorbar Shnong to announce, proclaim or notify any order, resolution, rules or any other information passed by the Dorbar Shnong;
- (19) **“U Synñiang U Bynhei Shnong”** means and refers to the customary voluntary contributions for the purpose of Ka Synshar, Ka Khadar, Ka Bishar;
- (20) **“Village Development Committee (VDC)”** means a developmental body dealing with the welfare and socio-economic development of the village under the administrative control of the Dorbar Shnong/Hima;
- (21) **“Act and Rules”** means the Khasi Hills Autonomous District(Nomination and Election of the Syiem, Deputy Syiem and Electors of Nongstoin Syiemship) Act, 2003 as amended and the rules framed thereunder, specially applies and operated within the territorial jurisdiction of Nongstoin Syiemship.
- (22) **“Additional Subordinate District Council Court”** means the Additional Subordinate District Council Court of Nongstoin Syiemship constituted under the provision of the United Khasi-Jaintia Hills Autonomous District (Administration of Justice) Rules, 1953, as amended.
- (23) **“Village Court”** means a court of any village or group of villages within the jurisdiction of Nongstoin Syiemship, duly constituted under the provision of the United Khasi-Jaintia Hills Autonomous District (Administration of Justice) Rules, 1953, as amended.
- (24) **“Dorbar Kur”** means a customary general Dorbar of the respective Kpoh/clan of the Kur comprising of both male and female adults belonging to the Kpoh of the Kur/Clan who has the customary right to nominate or select the Rangbah Kur.
- (25) **“Rangbah Kur”** means a Khasi or Dko clan elder elected or selected or nominated by a particular Kpoh of the Kur as a representative head to be confirmed by the Syiem and his Dorbar with intimation to the Executive Committee for record.
- (26) **“Seng Longkmie”** means a voluntary organisation of adult women of the village recognised as such by the Dorbar Shnong; and it works for the progress and welfare of women and also the welfare of the village or any other functions assigned to it by the Dorbar Shnong.
- (27) **“Seng Samla”** means a voluntary organisation consisting of young people both male and female recognised as such by the Dorbar Shnong; and it works for the progress and welfare of the youths and also the welfare of the village or any other functions assigned to it by the Dorbar Shnong.

- (28) **“Secretary Shnong”** means an adult Khasi male who is a resident with knowledge in the administration of a village, duly elected and appointed and his functions assigned as such by the Dorbar Shnong concerned and recognized by the Syiem and Dorbar.
- (29) **“Village Defence Volunteer”** means a body or wing constituted by the Dorbar Shnong for the maintenance of peace, tranquility and social order within the village and to assist the inhabitants in times of natural calamity or natural disaster and any other functions assigned to it by the Executive Dorbar or Dorbar Shnong from time to time. The Village Defence Volunteer shall be answerable and accountable to the Dorbar Shnong.
- (30) **“Codification”** means the prevailing customary practices (Customs and usages) of Nongstoin Syiemship which have been codified and given statutory recognition under the Act and Rules framed thereunder.

### 3. Amendment of Rule 10 of the Rules, 2006.

**Rule 10 of the Rules, 2006 shall be deleted and substituted by the following namely:-**

**10A - Eligibility for appointment as Rangbah Kur** - A male elder of the Kpoh of the Kur shall qualify to be selected or nominated or elected as Rangbah Kur if he possessed the following qualifications:-

- (i) He is a natural descendant of the Khasi clan or kur and both his parents are indigenous Khasi by birth.
- (ii) He is a male adult who commands respect socially and has good moral character.
- (iii) He is a resident of any village(s) within Nongstoin Syiemship.
- (iv) He is selected, nominated or elected by the Dorbar Kur of the Kpoh.
- (v) He is well conversant with the customary laws, practices and usages of Nongstoin Syiemship.
- (vi) He is governed by Khasi matrilineal system of lineage, laws, practices, inheritance and succession of the Khasis.
- (vii) He can read, write and speak the Khasi language.

**10B - Duty and Function of the Rangbah Kur:-** The Rangbah Kur of respective Kpoh is a representative head. He shall exercise his functions as may be delegated by the Dorbar kur of the respective Kpoh in accordance with the prevailing customary practices and the provisions of this rules. He cannot take any unilateral decisions without the prior approval and consent of the Dorbar Kur of the respective Kpoh.

**10C (i) – Nomination and selection of Rangbah Kur:-** Every Kpoh of a Kur shall select or nominate a Rangbah Kur of the Kpoh who shall carry out the duties and functions as prescribed under Rule 10B above.

(ii) - When the position of the Rangbah Kur is vacant, the respective Kpoh of the Kur/Clan shall identify an eligible person to be nominated or selected by consensus as such Rangbah Kur of the Kur/Clan of the Kpoh. All nomination and selection of the Rangbah Kur shall be forwarded to the Syiem and his Dorbar and the same shall place before the Dorbar Syiem to be convened and presided by the Syiem or in his absence by any authorized person on such date and time as may be fixed for the purpose. The confirmation of the Syiem and his Dorbar shall be intimated to the Executive Committee for record. The Syiem and his Dorbar shall issue and appointment Sanad to the Rangbah Kur under such term and conditions as the Syiem and his Dorbar may be prescribed.

**10A(1) - Eligibility for appointment as Clan Elder or Agent/Rangbah Kur of the Dko** - A male elder of the kpoh(womb) of the Kur(clan) shall qualify to be selected or nominated or elected as Clan Elder or Agent/Rangbah Kur if he possess the following qualifications:-

- (i) He is a natural descendant of the Dko clan or kur and both his parents are indigenous Dko by birth.
- (ii) He is a male adult who commands respect socially and has good moral character.
- (iii) He is a resident of any village(s) within Nongstoin Syiemship.
- (iv) He is selected, nominated or elected by the Dorbar kur/Clan Dorbar of the Kpoh.
- (v) He is well conversant with the customary laws, practices and usages of Nongstoin Syiemship.
- (vi) He is governed by Dko matrilineal system of lineage, laws, practices, inheritance and succession of the Dko.
- (vii) He can read, write and speak the Dko language.

**10A(2) - Duty and Function of the Rangbah Kur:-** The Clan Elder or Agent/Rangbah Kur of respective Kpoh is a representative head. He shall exercise his functions as may be delegated by the Dorbar kur of the respective Kpoh in accordance with the prevailing customary practices and the provisions of this rule. He cannot take any unilateral decisions without the prior approval and consent of the Dorbar Kur of the respective Kpoh.

**10A(3) (i) – Nomination and selection of Clan Elder or Agent/ Rangbah Kur:-** Every Kpoh (womb) of a Kur (clan) shall select or nominate a Clan Elder or Agent/ Rangbah Kur of the Kpoh who shall carry out the duties and functions as prescribed under Rule 10A(2) above.

(ii) - When the position of the Clan Elder or Agent/Rangbah Kur is vacant, the respective Kpoh/womb of the Kur/Clan shall identify an eligible person to be nominated or selected by consensus as such Clan Elder or Agent/ Rangbah Kur of the Kur/Clan of the Kpoh. All nomination and selection of the Clan Elder or Agent/Rangbah Kur shall be forwarded to the Syiem and his Dorbar and the same shall place before the Dorbar Syiem to be convened and presided by the Syiem or in his absence by any authorized person on such date and time as may be fixed for the purpose. The confirmation of the Syiem and his Dorbar shall be intimated to the Executive Committee for record. The Syiem and his Dorbar shall issue and appointment Sanad to the Clan Elder or Agent Rangbah Kur under such term and conditions as the Syiem and his Dorbar may be prescribed.

**4. Amendment of Rule 11 of the Rules, 2006.**

In the existing Rule 11(iv) a new proviso shall be inserted with the following:-

Provided that public notice of not less than 30(thirty) days be displayed in the office of the Hima and within the village, where the land is situated for claim and objection.

In the existing Rule 11(v) a new proviso shall be inserted with the following: -

Provided that the Syiem and his Dorbar have the right and power to cancel or recalled any registration of land on receiving a reasonable complaint, accompanied with substantiated documents and evidence after giving a show cause notice and afforded an opportunity of being heard to the parties.

**5. Amendment of Rule 14 of the Rules, 2006.**

(i) In the existing Sub Rule (3) of Rule 14 the word " by secret voting or by raising of hands" shall be deleted and shall be substituted by the word " as per the prevailing customary practices or as may be determined and decided by the Syiem and his Dorbar".

(ii) After Rule 14 of the Rules, 2006 a new Rule 14A shall be inserted with the following:-

**14A(1). ESTABLISHMENT OF KA DORBAR SHNONG -** There shall be a Dorbar Shnong for each village within the jurisdiction of Nongstoin Syiemship for Ka Synshar, Ka Khadar, Ka Bishar, and for socio-economic development of the village. Its deliberations, decisions and actions shall be guided by the tenets of Khasi values as codified under the Act and the rules framed thereunder.

Provided that, the Dorbar Shnong may constitute the Village Development Committee and may also constitute different committees to assist in the discharge of different functions and assignments thereof. The Village Development Committee or any others Committee so constituted shall be answerable to the administrative control of the Dorbar Shnong/Hima.

Provided further that, the Dorbar Shnong may constitute conciliatory committees for amicable settlement of disputes pertaining to the villagers within its territorial jurisdiction.

**(2). COMPOSITION OF DORBAR SHNONG:** (1) The Dorbar Shnong for each village shall consist of Khasi or Dko inhabitants as the case may be of the village above the age of 18 years and annually new members shall be inducted on the basis of Ka Pynskhem Dkhot. The constitution of Dorbar Shnong shall be reported annually to the Syiem and his Dorbar which shall maintain record thereof.

**(3).** Dorbar Shnong of a village shall be a body corporate in its name with common seal and succession which can sue or be sued in its name.

**(4). POWERS AND FUNCTIONS OF THE DORDAR SHNONG -** Subject to such rules as may be prescribed in this behalf by the Syiem and his Dorbar, the following shall be the powers and function of the Dorbar Shnong within its territorial jurisdiction:-

- i. To ensure general discipline, social order and tranquility in the village in cases of intra and inter village affairs.
- ii. To provide protection and care for the village population, and in particular for the children, women, youth and persons with disabilities and any other person or family in difficult circumstances.
- iii. To protect and conserve all community lands and forestlands or any other village resources against land alienation and privatization for the interest of the village community.
- iv. To conserve and protect Khlaw Kyntang or Khlaw Lyngdoh or Khlaw Niam and Khlaw Adong or Khlaw Shnong, and to promote the establishment of new forestlands such as Khlaw Kyntang or Khlaw Lyngdoh or Khlaw Niam and Khlaw Adong or Khlaw Shnong.
- v. To protect and ensure the rights of access to land for sustainable livelihoods practices for the economically poor and landless households within the territorial jurisdiction of the Dorbar Shnong.
- vi. It shall be responsible in organizing and giving legitimate entity to the Village Development Committee; and it shall ensure that women and youth are active participants and members of the Village Development Committee.
- vii. To maintain a population register in the village where the name of each household and its residents is recorded. No certificate can be issued by the Rangbah Shnong to any individual unless his/her name has been recorded in the register. The serial number of the individual in the village register shall be clearly mentioned in each certificate issued by the Rangbah Shnong.
- viii. In recognition to the customary practices prevailing within the Syiemship, may issue residential certificates or certificate as a proof of residence to the inhabitants (Nongshong Shnong) of the village
- ix. To prevent arbitrary usage of natural water sources and ground water for exclusive personal purpose and to ensure preservation and usage of all natural water sources and ground water for common sustainable use of the village and its residents.
- x. To restrict the manufacturing, sale and use of non-biodegradable materials such as low density plastic bags and to ensure proper and scientific disposal of waste.
- xi. To maintain general and special fund for executing developmental projects in the village and to receive grants-in-aids from the District Council, State and Central Government or any other Institution/Agency.
- xii. May issue No-objection Certificates with prior approval of the Syiem and his Dorbar for the purpose of Trade License and for Mortgage of land or for any purposes based on charges and fees fixed and determined by the Syiem and his Dorbar from time to time.
- xiii. To ensure strict implementation and also report violation of the provisions of The United Khasi-Jaintia Hills District (Trading by Non-Tribals) Regulation, 1954 and Rules framed thereunder to the Syiem and his Dorbar.
- xiv. As per the prevailing customary practices, the Dorbar Shnong may suspend the membership of any of its member(s) who are inhabitant of the village if he/she is found to be responsible



in causing any social disorder or have violated the prevailing customary practices of the Shnong or Hima or any Act or Rules or any order or resolution passed by the Executive Dorbar or Dorbar Shnong or the Syiem and his Dorbar.

Provided that no member or inhabitant of the village shall be suspended without giving him/her an opportunity of being heard.

- xv. To issue certificates authenticating birth and death of the residents of the village.
- xvi. As per the prevailing customary practices, the Dorbar Shnong shall have empathy and provide care for persons with physical or mental disabilities and as immediate authority may humanely restrain any person(s) whether mentally challenged or otherwise involving in any violent act so as to prevent any physical harm or injury to any of the inhabitant(s) of the village and the same be immediately reported and forwarded to the appropriate authority.

**(5). DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE DORBAR SHNONG:-**

Subject to the Rules as may be prescribed in this behalf by the Syiem and his Dorbar, the following shall be the duties and responsibilities of the Dorbar Shnong;

- i. To shoulder the role and responsibility concerning any matters and affairs of the village.
- ii. To ensure that all inhabitants of the village be given equal treatment and fair share in all respects including welfare and socio-economic development.
- iii. Peace and harmony, forming of the Village Development Committee, appointment of U Sangot, Registry of households and inhabitants, registry of birth and death, health and sanitation, cremation or burial sites, village infrastructure, waste management and disposal of waste, environment and ecology, water sources, community land and forestlands, Private lands, forest fires, construction of houses, markets, promote tourism related activities, etc.
- iv. To assist and provide local information as may be required by the Syiem and his Dorbar, District Council, the State Government or any other authority through the Syiem and his Dorbar;
- v. To protect the life and property of inhabitants and households of the village.
- vi. To establish and maintain burial and cremation grounds and regulating of burial and cremation therein.
- vii. To remove encroachment on roads, footpaths, public places and property vested in the Dorbar Shnong.
- viii. To ensure that all welfare and socio-economic development programmes implemented by the Village Development Committee reaches and benefits the target beneficiaries.
- ix. To protect the integrity of the Syiemship and the village and uphold its dignity at all times.
- x. To ensure financial accountability of the Executive Dorbar, Village Development Committee and village-based voluntary organisations and to organise social auditing through active participation of all inhabitants of the village.
- xi. To coordinate with neighbouring villages in the protection of rivers and streams from pollution and any destructive practices like poisoning, etc.

- xii. To ensure result oriented performance of the Village Development Committee as the socio-economic development and welfare body of the village, and to ensure its smooth and efficacious functioning through the active participation of all inhabitants of the village.
- xiii. To ensure that the Executive Dorbar, Village Development Committee and village-based voluntary organisations prepare and present the annual and periodical report and statement of audited account to the Dorbar Shnong as per the rules and may submit the same to the Syiem and his Dorbar or to any appropriate authority if it is required.
- xiv. To ensure that all decisions and order passed by the Dorbar Shnong be made public by U Sangot or through any means of communication.
- xv. To bring any matters concerning acts of violence against any inhabitants or households of the village to the Deputy Commissioner and the Superintendent of Police of the District.
- xvi. Any other function and powers as may be delegated or by notification prescribed by the Syiem and his Dorbar from time to time.

**(6). PROHIBITIONS:-**

The Dorbar Shnong and the Rangbah Shnong of the village shall not in any form or in manner arbitrarily decide or act or impose or condone or incite any of the followings:-

- i. Encourage, initiate, comply or condone with any kinds of injustice or destruction of property or acts of violence against inhabitants or households on basis of rumours or allegations.
- ii. Condone allegations or rumors of witchcraft, sorcery and or any practice of black magic against any person, individual or any inhabitants or households of the village.
- iii. Cause injustice against any inhabitants or households of the village solely on the basis of difference of political affiliations or difference of faiths or differences of opinions and practices.
- iv. Allow any kinds of allegations to spiral out of control among inhabitants or households of the village.
- v. Condone or comply with any kinds of violent acts that may cause harm or loss of life of any inhabitants or households of the village.

**(7). THE CEREMONY OF KA JINGPYNSKHEM DKHOT DORBAR:** At the commencement of the annual meeting of the Dorbar Shnong, the Rangbah Shnong shall introduce the newly listed Khasi inhabitants of the village or in the village inhabited by the Dko who have attained the age of 18 years in the course of preceding year and/or have newly settled in the village to the members of the Dorbar Shnong and shall explain to such new members the basic tenets and responsibilities related to “Ka Synshar, Ka Khadar and Ka Bishar”, Ka Hok Ka Sot”, “Ka Burom Ka Akor” and their role as the responsible member of the village community. Upon taking of their pledge, they shall be inducted and registered as the members of the Dorbar Shnong after having put their signature/thumb impression in the register of the Dorbar Shnong maintained for the purpose.

**(8). U SYNÑIANG U BYNHEI SHNONG:-** As per the customary practice of Khasi society, the Dorbar Shnong shall continue with the practice of U Synniang U Bynhei for the purpose of Ka Synshar, Ka Khadar and Ka Bishar.

**(9)(1). NOMINATION, ELECTION AND CONFIRMATION OF RANGBAH SHNONG -**

When the vacancy occurs in the office of the Rangbah Shnong or in the event of the post of the Rangbah Shnong falling vacant, the election or nomination to fill up the post, as the case maybe, shall be conducted by the Syiem and his Dorbar as per prevailing custom of the Village and the Hima and/or in accordance with the provisions of the Act and the rules framed thereunder.

- i. All report/proceedings of nomination and/or elections of Rangbah Shnong and Executive Dorbar shall be reported by any authorised person authorised by the Syiem and Dorbar) to the Syiem and his Dorbar for confirmation and affirmation within a period of 5 (five) working days. The Syiem and his Dorbar shall within a period of 10 (ten) working days of receipt of the report give its confirmation unless there is any dispute or appeal pending in respect of such election/nomination. Only after the confirmation and affirmation of the Syiem and his Dorbar, the Appointment Sanad/order shall be issued to the Rangbah Shnong with intimation to the Executive Committee and the Executive Dorbar shall be constituted within 7(seven) days from the date of receipt of the appointment Sanad.
- ii. If any dispute arises regarding any matter relating to or connected with the election or nomination of Rangbah Shnong and Executive Dorbar, the dispute shall be referred by the party or parties concerned to the Syiem and his Durbar on payment of Dorbar/Application fee as may be determined by the Syiem and his Dorbar from time to time.
- iii. An appeal against the order/ decision shall lie to the Executive Committee whose decision shall be final. Such appeal shall be filed within a period of 30(thirty) days from the date of such order/decision.

(2): Only a Khasi inhabitant who has attained the age of 25 years and a resident of the village and as per prevailing custom of the Hima or as per the provisions of the Act and the rules framed thereunder shall be eligible to be elected or nominated as the Rangbah Shnong.

Provided that in the village inhabited by the Dko, the Rangbah Shnong or Headman may be elected or nominated and appointed from among the Dko who are the bonafide resident of the respective village to look after the welfare of the village falling under the direct administrative control of the Syiem and his Dorbar.

(3): The Rangbah Shnong should be a person of integrity and should not have been convicted under any penal offence and/or a declared insolvent or act against or undermined the authority of the Dorbar Shnong.

(4): After the election of the Rangbah Shnong, the Dorbar Shnong, shall form the Executive Dorbar to assist the Rangbah Shnong. Such Executive Dorbar shall include persons to hold the post of Deputy or Symbud Rangbah Shnong, the Secretary, the Assistant Secretary, the Treasurer, the Sangot and such other member(s) as may deemed necessary by the Dorbar Shnong. The Executive Dorbar shall function in accordance with the prescribed rules and guidance provided by the Dorbar Shnong and shall be accountable to it. The Executive Dorbar shall continue as long as they have the confidence and support of the Dorbar Shnong.

Provided that the Syiem and his Dorbar may on its own convene and conduct the election and issue appointment in the event of the Dorbar Shnong fails or neglect to elect/nominate a Rangbah Shnong and the Executive Dorbar within a period of one month of the post falling vacant or on any count. The decision of the Syiem and his Dorbar in this case shall be final and binding.

**(10).DUTIES, ACCOUNTABILITY AND RESPONSIBILITY OF THE RANGBAH SHNONG:-**

- i. To maintain, preserve and protect records pertaining to the Dorbar Shnong and to represent the Dorbar Shnong;
- ii. To protect and uphold Ka Hok Ka Sot and Ka Burom Ka Akor of the Dorbar Shnong.
- iii. To be responsible in governing and administering the day-to-day affairs of the village and in coordination with the Executive Dorbar.
- iv. Shall be responsible and accountable to the Dorbar Shnong, the Syiem and his Dorbar.
- v. To organize and hold the Dorbar Shnong at least once a year or as when required or demanded by not less than 50 percent of the listed inhabitants of the village or member of the Dorbar Shnong.
- vi. To provide annual reports and audited statement of accounts to the Dorbar Shnong through the Executive Dorbar.
- vii. To function according to the stipulated guidelines provided by the Dorbar Shnong and the rules stipulated by the Syiem and his Dorbar.
- viii. To keep the institution of Dorbar Shnong neutral during elections of the District Council, the Meghalaya Legislative Assembly and the Lok Sabha.
- ix. To protect and care for the welfare of aged persons, women and children, persons with disabilities and persons or households in difficult circumstances.
- x. To chair all meetings of the Dorbar Shnong and such other meetings stipulated under the Act and the rules framed thereunder. In his absence the meetings shall be chaired by the Deputy or Synbud Rangbah Shnong or any person selected for the purpose.
- xi. The Rangbah Shnong cannot take decisions on any matters concerning the village without prior consent of the Executive Dorbar.
- xii. The Rangbah Shnong cannot issue residential certificates or No Objection Certificates to any (non-Khasi) person except the Dko who are the bonafide resident of Nongstoin Syiemship without the prior approval and consent of the Executive Dorbar and the Syiem and his Dorbar.
- xiii. The Rangbah Shnong cannot enter into negotiation with any outside agencies or organizations or corporations or groups or individuals without the prior approval and consent of the Dorbar Shnong and the Syiem and his Dorbar.
- xiv. The Rangbah Shnong cannot issue No Objection Certificates to any company or firm or society or organization or group or individual or clan in matters concerning allotment, occupation, use or setting apart of land or forestlands or any other village resources

without the prior approval and consent of the Dorbar Shnong and the Syiem and his Dorbar.

- xv. The Rangbah Shnong shall in coordination with the Executive Dorbar, initiate the formation of Village Development Committee.

**(11)(1). REMOVAL OF THE RANGBAH SHNONG:-** (1) The Rangbah Shnong may be suspended or removed from office in a meeting of the Dorbar Shnong specially convened for the purpose in the event of the Rangbah Shnong violating any provisions of the Act or the Rules framed hereunder;

Or

- i. The Rangbah Shnong has lost the confidence of the majority of the members of the Dorbar Shnong;

Or

- ii. The Rangbah Shnong violates any of the terms and conditions of the appointment;

Or

- iii. The Rangbah Shnong violates any laws, regulation, rules and resolutions passed by the Syiem and his Dorbar or the District Council;

Or

- iv. The Rangbah Shnong refuses to carry out the orders and instructions issued by the Syiem and his Dorbar or the Executive Committee;

Or

- v. The Rangbah Shnong has been incapable of carrying on the administration to the satisfaction of the Syiem and his Dorbar due to ill health, old age or habitual drunkenness;

Or

- vi. The Rangbah Shnong violates any customary rights and practices prevailing in the Hima concerned and duly approved by the Executive Committee;

Or

- vii. The Rangbah Shnong has been convicted of an offence involving moral turpitude;

Or

- viii. The Rangbah Shnong has oppressed the people of the village and they have just cause for dissatisfaction with his misrule;

Or

- ix. The Rangbah Shnong is an undischarged insolvent;

Or

- x. The Rangbah Shnong has been conducting himself in a manner derogatory to his office or pre-judicial to the interest of the village;

Or

- xi. The Rangbah Shnong has been conducting himself in a manner which may undermine the authority of the Syiemship or the Executive Committee;

Provided that no Rangbah Shnong shall be removed or suspended under Rule 11(1) above unless he is given an opportunity of being heard.

Provided further that the requirements of the first proviso above shall not apply –

- i. in the case where the order of removal or punishment or suspension is awarded on account of his being convicted of an offence involving moral turpitude;
  - ii. in the case of order of suspension pending inquiry.
- (2) Upon removal or resignation or death of the Rangbah Shnong, the Deputy or Symbud Rangbah Shnong along with the Executive Dorbar shall assume responsibility of the Rangbah Shnong with intimation to the Syiem and his Dorbar for formal order and discharge day to day normal duties until a new Rangbah Shnong is appointed and the Executive Dorbar is reconstituted. The entire process of appointment of the new Rangbah Shnong and the reconstitution of the new Executive Dorbar shall be completed within a period of 30 (thirty) days from the date of vacation of the office of the Rangbah Shnong.

Provided that the Dorbar Shnong may by not less than 50 percent of its members with prior intimation to the Syiem and his Dorbar requisition a meeting of the Dorbar Shnong to recall and elect a new Rangbah Shnong and the Executive Dorbar and within 7 days of receipt of such requisition the Rangbah Shnong shall convene the meeting.

**(12). DUTIES AND FUNCTION OF THE EXECUTIVE DORBAR** - The Executive Dorbar shall perform such function and duties as assigned or entrusted by the Dorbar Shnong and it shall see that the existing prevailing customary practices, Act and rules framed thereunder, the rules, regulation, orders and resolutions passed by the Syiem and his Dorbar or the District Council or Executive Committee or Dorbar Shnong are implemented in letter and spirit. It shall be collectively be responsible for carrying the day to day affairs on behalf of the Dorbar Shnong and it shall be accountable to the Dorbar Shnong.

**(13). TERM OF OFFICE OF RANGBAH SHNONG AND EXECUTIVE DORBAR** - The Rangbah Shnong shall remained or continued in office as long as he enjoyed the confidence of the Dorbar Shnong or the majority of the member of the Dorbar Shnong.

Provided that the Rangbah Shnong may be removed from office if he has lost the confidence of the Dorbar Shnong or if he violates or contravenes any of the provisions of the Act and Rules framed thereunder or the prevailing customary practices in the village and the Hima or the terms and conditions of the appointment Sanad.

**(14). THE VILLAGE DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE:-**

- (i) With effect from the date of coming into force of this Rules, every Rangbah Shnong may constitute a Village Development Committee to enable and ensure the peoples/village

residence participation in welfare and socio-economic development of the village and based on people's participation and a sense of community ownership and it shall be guided by the principles of Ka Hok Ka Sot and Ka Burom Ka Akor. The Village Development Committee shall be under the general control and supervision of the Dorbar Shnong and it shall be answerable and accountable to the Dorbar Shnong.

- (ii) It shall consist of all residents of the village above the age of 18 (eighteen) years or as may be determined and decided by the Dorbar Shnong or the Syiem and his Dorbar and they shall form the general body of the Village Development Committee.
- (iii) It shall be a permanent non-hierarchical body, and its decision-making shall be based on consensus, and any person holding office in the Village Development Committee shall be accountable to its general council, the Executive Dorbar, the Dorbar Shnong and the Syiem and his Dorbar.
- (iv) The members of the Village Development Committee in its first meeting shall elect a Chairperson from amongst themselves in a general body meeting chaired by the Rangbah Shnong specially convened for the said purpose by way of simple majority. The Chairperson so elected shall preside over the meetings of the Village Development Committee without any power to decide independently or unilaterally; and in the absence of the Chairperson, the Village Development Committee can select any of its member or the Rangbah Shnong to chair the meeting.
- (v) The members of the Village Development Committee shall elect a person from among themselves a Secretary of the committee. The term of the Secretary shall be for a period of three years. The Secretary shall maintain records of the proceedings, and shall prepare the Annual Reports and statement of accounts and shall submit the same to the Executive Dorbar for placing the same before the Dorbar Shnong for deliberation, consideration and approval.
- (vi) The Treasurer of the Dorbar Shnong shall be the ex-officio treasurer of the Village Development Committee who shall be responsible for maintaining correct and true account of all the receipt and expenditure of all funds executed through the Village Development Committee.
- (vii) After the formation of the Village Development Committee, the Dorbar Shnong shall inform to the Syiem and his Dorbar.
- (viii) The Treasurer shall prepare and submit quarterly account of all receipt and expenditure to the Executive Dorbar for its verification. The Executive Dorbar shall prepare annual statement of accounts there from and present the same at the annual meeting of the Dorbar Shnong for its approval.
- (ix) The annual account of the Village Development Committee shall be audited by the Auditor appointed by the Executive Dorbar with prior approval of the Dorbar Shnong.
- (x) The audited account so maintained by the treasurer shall be placed before the Executive Dorbar and the Village Development Committee in each of its meetings.

**(15). RULES AND REGULATION OF THE VILLAGE DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE:-**

Subject to the provisions of the Act and Rules framed thereunder and orders that may be passed by Syiem and his Dorbar, the Village Development Committee with the approval of the Dorbar Shnong shall have the power to formulate rules and regulations for dealing with matters such as meetings, absence, reporting, local contributions, planning, implementation and monitoring of schemes, etc., in the discharge of its function and responsibility.

**(16). FUNCTION AND RESPONSIBILITY OF THE VILLAGE DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE:-**

The Village Development Committee shall have the power and shall be responsible in matters such as:

- (i) It shall be the participatory developmental planning and implementing body of the village.
- (ii) It shall collect village data and prepare reports on the village, and shall prepare resource map of the village.
- (iii) It shall formulate Village Annual Plans, perspective plans, and strategy for implementation.
- (iv) It shall implement all developmental schemes and programmes;
- (v) It shall train inhabitants of the village in various aspects concerning health and hygiene, waste disposal, domestic management, skills, etc; and it shall train its members /office bearers in matters of accounting and financial management.
- (vi) It shall promote and improve the livelihoods and food security of the inhabitants by taking up various kinds of developmental activities.
- (vii) It shall promote, protect and conserve indigenous seeds, plants or species; and indigenous knowledge systems and practices.
- (viii) It shall be responsible in advocating on land related issues affecting the landless and the poor in the village.
- (ix) It shall conduct assessment and initiate sustainable management of Natural Resources.
- (x) It shall identify and select individual beneficiaries whether Below Poverty Line (BPL) or Above Poverty Line (APL) for various development schemes/projects/programmes of the government and the District Council.
- (xi) It shall raise local resources for its own development.
- (xii) It shall identify, prepare and implement village-based projects/schemes of the government and the District Council.



- (xiii) It shall train itself to monitor and evaluate projects/schemes of individuals, groups or village, and send its report to the concerned authorities.
- (xiv) It shall interact with credible Non-Governmental Organisations Government/Institutions including research institutions.
- (xv) It shall facilitate Self-Help Groups, potential entrepreneurs and micro-enterprise, village associations for the youth and women.
- (xvi) It shall prepare annual reports and audited statement of accounts.

**(17). TERM OF OFFICE OF VILLAGE DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE OFFICE BEARERS:-**

Subject to the provisions of rule 19, The duration of Office bearers of the Village Development Committee shall be for 3 (three) years.

**(18). MEETINGS OF THE VILLAGE DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE:-**

The Chairperson and the Secretary shall organise the general body of the Village Development Committee four times a year or as and when required or demanded by the villagers or as may be decided and directed by the Dorbar Shnong.

**(19). REMOVAL OF OFFICE BEARERS** - Any person holding office under the Village Development Committee shall be removed from office by the Village Development Committee with the approval of the Executive Dorbar if he/she acts arbitrarily or if he/she misuses developmental funds or if he/she takes any decision without the prior consent and approval from the body of the Village Development Committee.

**(20). EMERGENCY POWERS OF THE SYIEM AND HIS DORBAR :-**

- (1) In the event of any instance of gross violation or subversion of the provisions of the Act or Rules framed thereunder, the Syiem and his Dorbar shall have the power to suspend and or supersede the Rangbah Shnong or the Executive Dorbar or any committee(s) or any/all Office Bearer(s) of the Village Development Committee and take over the administration of the village or may appoint an Administrative Officer/Acting Rangbah Shnong to administer the village until a new Rangbah Shnong or Executive Dorbar or any other committee(s) or any such Office Bearer(s) has been elected as per the provisions of the Act and the rules framed thereunder.

Provided that no Executive Dorbar or Rangbah Shnong or Office Bearer or any other committee(s) shall be suspended or superseded without giving such Rangbah Shnong or Executive Dorbar or any other committee(s) the opportunity of being heard. Any order passed by the Syiem and his Dorbar under this rules shall be final.

**(21). ANNOUNCEMENT, NOTIFICATION OF ORDERS, RULES, RESOLUTIONS AND INFORMATIONS:-**

All orders, resolutions and any other information passed by the Dorbar Shnong or the Village Development Committee shall be in writing and forthwith proclaimed or notified through U Sangot appointed for the purpose as per prevailing custom of the Village.

**(22). APPEALS:-**

- (i) Appeals against any order made by the Dorbar Shnong under the provisions of the Act and the rules framed thereunder shall lie to the Syiem and his Dorbar whose decision shall be final.

Every appeal made under this rules shall be preferred by a party within one month from the date of the order appealed against. However delay, if any in filing the appeal beyond the period of one month may be condoned by the appellate authority on good and sufficient reasons shown by the appellant for such delay.

**(23). REVIEW OF ORDERS:-**

- (i) The Syiem and his Dorbar may, either on its own motion or on the application of any party interested, review any order passed by itself. Review and/or revise any order passed by any authority of the Dorbar Shnong or the Syiem and his Dorbar acting under this rules and pass such order in reference thereto as it may deem necessary after affording hearing to all parties to be affected by such order of review/revision.
- (ii) No order shall be reviewed at the instance of any party except on the following grounds, viz. –
- (a) discovery of new and important matter of evidence having bearing to the subject which could not be produced earlier in spite of due diligence; or
  - (b) some mistake or error apparent on the face of the record; or
  - (c) any other sufficient reason for the ends of justice.

**(24). REMOVAL OF DIFFICULTIES:-** If any difficulty arises in interpreting or giving effect to any provision of this rules, the Syiem and his Dorbar may as occasion requires, take any action not inconsistent with the provisions of this rules which may appears to it necessary for the purpose of removing such difficulty.

**6. Amendment of Rule 15 of the Rules, 2006.**

- (i) The existing Sub rule (4) of Rule 15 after the word DKHAR, the word "without the prior approval of the Syiem and his Dorbar" shall be inserted.
- (ii) In the existing Rule 15, a new sub rule (5) and (6) shall be inserted namely;

(5).The Syiem and his Dorbar as per the existing prevailing customary practices have the power to issue/grant any residential certificate or certificate as a proof of residence or no objection certificate or to recommend for any purposes to the bonafide resident of Nongstoin Syiemship and the fee for the same shall, as may be determined by the Syiem and his Dorbar from time to time.

(6). Any Headman of Nongstoin Syiemship elected and appointed as such under the provision of the Act and the rules framed thereunder who possessed a minimum qualification of graduation or and above or has an experience in any Government or recognised Institutions Services not below the Rank of U.D.A. may exercise the power for attestation of document(s).

#### **7. Amendment of Rule 19 of Rules 2006.**

(i) In the existing Rule 19 after the word approval, the word" Any provisions of the Act and the Rules framed thereunder shall be amended on a decision and a written resolution of the Dorbar Hima" shall be inserted.

(ii)The Existing Rule 19, a new Rule 19A shall be inserted with the following namely;

(i) The Syiem and his Dorbar may make rules for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this rule. Such rules when approved by the Executive Committee shall have the force of law.

(ii)Subject to the Rules made by the Syiem and his Dorbar,

The Dorbar Shnong may make rule for the purpose of carrying out the duties and responsibilities under this rules subject approval by the Syiem and his Dorbar.

Such rules shall be forwarded by the Dorbar Shnong to the Syiem and his Dorbar for approval and until approved by the Syiem and his Dorbar, they shall not have the force.

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**STATEMENT OF OBJECT AND REASONS**

Whereas it has become expedient to streamline and to provide for an efficient village administration which is transparent, accountable and to strengthen the time tested Khasi system of democracy, social custom, ideals, code of moral conduct, values and principle of honesty, justice, righteousness, respect, honour, dignity and manners.

Hence, this Amendment Rules.

Certified that The Administration of Nongstoin Syiemship (First Amendment) Rules, 2015 was passed by the Dorbar Hima of Nongstoin Syiemship on the 19<sup>th</sup> May, 2015 and approved by the Executive Committee, Khasi Hills Autonomous District Council.

Secretary to the Executive Committee,  
Khasi Hills Autonomous District Council,  
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### NOTIFICATION

The 2<sup>nd</sup> July, 2015.

**No.DC.XXVII/Genl/72/2015/3.** – In exercise of the powers conferred under Section 11 of the Khasi Hills Autonomous District (Nomination and Election of the Syiem, Deputy Syiem and Headmen of Langrin Syiemship) Act, 2007 as amended, hereinafter called the “Principal Act”, the Executive Committee, Khasi Hills Autonomous District Council is pleased to approve and notify the following Rules for effective implementation of the provisions of the said Act, namely: -

### **THE ADMINISTRATION OF LANGRIN SYIEMSHIP (FIRST AMENDMENT) RULES, 2015.**

#### **The Amendment**

To further codify (amend) for providing and making provision for the administration of Villages in the Langrin Syiemship or Hima Langrin.

#### **PREAMBLE**

WHEREAS, under the Khasi Hills Autonomous District(Nomination and Election of the Syiem, Deputy Syiem and Headmen of Langrin Syiemship) Act, 2007 as amended and the rules framed thereunder, the Executive Dorbar/Dorbar Syiem of Langrin Syiemship is empowered to make rules with respect for the day to day administration of the Syiemship in accordance with the customary practices;

Whereas, to usher in an efficient system of village administration within the framework of the existing system of the Khasi form of Ka Synshar, Ka Khadar, Ka Bishar (traditional governance and adjudication) which is based on prevailing and well established social custom, the principle of egalitarianism, consensus decision making and participative action, and the spirit of solidarity; and pro-actively aiming for improving the socio-economic life and sustainable use of natural resources, judicious engagement with the market economy and the Khasi democratic system, and protecting and upholding the uniqueness of Khasi culture;

Whereas, to provide for a village administration that will reflect all aspects of good governance in which priority will be given to issues of community participation in decision making, transparency and accountability in such decisions which also should be in conformity with the Khasi custom and enlightened code of moral conduct and ethics embedded in values and principle of honesty, justice, righteousness, respect, honour, dignity, etiquette and manners;

Whereas, the tenets of Khasi values that have guided the Khasi society from time immemorial such as Ka Tip Briew Ka Tip Blei ( to acknowledge man is to acknowledge God), Ban Kamai Ia Ka Hok (to strive for righteousness and justice), Ban pdiang ia kaba bha bad ban kyntait ia kaba sniew (to accept what is right and to reject what is wrong), Ban bat ia ka burom ka akor (to hold on to propriety and honour), Ban bat ia ka nia ka jutang (word of honour) and Ka ktien kaba tam (upholding the honour of spoken word) shall form the guiding principle behind every decision making;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Syiem and his Dorbar of Langrin Syiemship in exercise of the powers conferred upon it under Section 11 of the Khasi Hills Autonomous District(Nomination and Election of the Syiem, Deputy Syiem and Headmen of Langrin Syiemship) Act, 2007 as amended, and Rule 10(1) of the Administration of Langrin Syiemship Rules, 2010 and of all other powers enabling it on that behalf hereby codified and provide as follows:-

**1. SHORT TITLE, EXTENT AND COMMENCEMENT:-**

- (1) This Rules may be called the Administration of Langrin Syiemship (First Amendment) Rules, 2015.
- (2) It shall extend to the whole of Langrin Syiemship or Hima Langrin.
- (3) It shall come into force with effect from the date of approval by the Executive Committee, Khasi Hills Autonomous District Council.

**2. Amendment of Rule 2 of the Administration of Langrin Syiemship Rules, 2010.**

**In the existing Rule 2 of the Rules, 2010, the following definitions shall be inserted with the following:-**

**Definition:**

- (25) **“Syiem and his Dorbar”** means a Dorbar Syiem or Executive Dorbar presided over by the Syiem with certain members from among the Myntris, Lyngdohs and elders/representatives of the Hima, the number of which shall be determined, and the names of which shall be approved by the Executive Committee on the recommendation of the Syiem or Acting Syiem as the case may be. The function of this Dorbar is to run the day to day administration of the Syiemship/Hima.
- (26) **“District”** means the Khasi Hills Autonomous District;
- (27) **“District Council”** means the Khasi Hills Autonomous District Council constituted under the Sixth Schedule to the Constitution of India.
- (28) **“Dong or Kyntoit”** means a subordinate part or locality of a village and has a distinct identity within that village only.
- (29) **“Executive Committee”** means the Executive Committee of the Khasi Hills Autonomous District Council;
- (30) **“Ka Burom Ka Akor”** refers to the Khasi Social rules of respect, honour and dignity and the guiding rules of social conduct, etiquette and manners in any kind of social interactions;
- (31) **“Ka Hok ka Sot”** refers to the Khasi social principle of honesty, justice and righteousness and it shall be the guiding principle of administration of a Village or Ka Dorbar Shnong;
- (32) **“Ka Synshar, Ka Khadar, Ka Bishar”** means the prevailing age-old customary and traditional governance and adjudication.
- (33) **“Khasi”** means a person belonging to Khasi indigenous tribe who may be a Khasi, Jaintia, Pnar, Synteng, War, Bhoi or Lyngngam or who is recognised or deemed as such under prevailing Khasi Custom.
- (34) **“Kongors”** means a male adult belonging to the Khasi Community, living in the Syiemship who is the husband of Khasi woman belonging to the Syiem clan of the Syiemship.
- (35) **“Myntri Incharge” or “Member Incharge”** means the member of the Durbar Syiem or Member of the Executive Durbar of Langrin Syiemship who carries out day – to – day administrative and judicial functions in the office of the Syiem of Langrin nominated and approved as such under the provision of the Act.
- (36) **“Khlaw- Adong or Khlaw Shnong”** means village forests protected and kept apart by the villagers for conserving water and bio-diversity with restricted access and use;
- (37) **“Khlaw Lyngdoh or Khlaw Kyntang or Khlaw Niam”** refers to sacred forests and kept apart as religious sites;
- (38) **“Ka Pynskhem Dkhot Dorbar”** means the annual process of identifying, introducing and inducting of Khasi inhabitants of the village who have attained the age of 18 years in the Dorbar Shnong and shall be carried-out by the Dorbar Shnong annually;

- (39) **“Prescribed”** means prescribed under the Langrin Syiemship Act, 2007 and the Rules framed thereunder.
- (40) **“Rangbah Dong”** means a sub-traditional head of the “Dong” within the territorial jurisdiction and administrative control of a particular Dorbar Shnong jurisdiction of Langrin Syiemship or Hima Langrin.
- (41) **“Management Board”** means a committee constituted by the Syiemiong Clan from the womb of Ka Roin Syiemiong and the Hima Langrin consisting or comprising of equal representatives, the representative from the Syiemiong Clan shall be a Chairman and the Syiem or Acting Syiem or Secretary of Hima Langrin shall be the Secretary of the Management Board. It shall be the duty of the Management Board to decide any matter connected or pertaining with the Joint Property.
- (42) **“U Sangot”** means a person duly appointed by the Dorbar Shnong to announce, proclaim or notify any order, resolution, rules or any other information passed by the Dorbar Shnong;
- (43) **“U Synñiang U Bynhei Shnong”** means and refers to the customary voluntary contributions for the purpose of Ka Synshar, Ka Khadar, Ka Bishar;
- (44) **“Village Development Committee (VDC)”** means a developmental body dealing with the welfare and socio-economic development of the village under the administrative control of the Dorbar Shnong/Hima.
- (45) **“Act and Rules”** means the Khasi Hills Autonomous District (Nomination and Election of the Syiem, Deputy Syiem and Headmen of Langrin Syiemship) Act, 2007 as amended and the rules framed thereunder, specially applies and operated within the jurisdiction of Langrin Syiemship.
- (46) **“Joint Property”** means land Law Lyngngam Tilla and Law Pyndentanglieh situated within Langrin Syiemship jointly owned by the Syiemiong Clan from the womb of Ka Roin Syiemiong and the Hima Langrin, and no unilateral decision shall be taken for any matter connected with the Joint Property without the consent of both the parties in the Management Board.
- (47) **“Dorbar Kur”** means a customary general Dorbar of the respective Kpoh/clan of the Kur comprising of both male and female adults belonging to the Kpoh of the Kur/Clan who has the customary right to nominate or select the Rangbah Kur.
- (48) **“Rangbah Kur”** means a Khasi clan elder elected or selected or nominated by a particular Kpoh of the Kur as a representative head to be confirmed by the Syiem and his Dorbar with intimation to the Executive Committee for record.
- (49) **“Seng Longkmie”** means a voluntary organisation of adult women of the village recognised as such by the Dorbar Shnong; and it works for the progress and welfare of women and also the welfare of the village or any other functions assigned to it by the Dorbar Shnong.
- (50) **“Seng Samla”** means a voluntary organisation consisting of young people both male and female recognised as such by the Dorbar Shnong; and it works for the progress and welfare of the youths and also the welfare of the village or any other functions assigned to it by the Dorbar Shnong.



- (51) **“Secretary Shnong”** means an adult Khasi male who is a resident with knowledge in the administration of a village, duly elected and appointed and his functions assigned as such by the Dorbar Shnong concerned and recognized by the Syiem and Dorbar.
- (52) **“Village Defence Volunteer”** means a body or wing constituted by the Dorbar Shnong for the maintenance of peace, tranquility and social order within the village and to assist the inhabitants in times of natural calamity or natural disaster and any other functions assigned to it by the Executive Dorbar or Dorbar Shnong from time to time. The Village Defence Volunteer shall be answerable and accountable to the Dorbar Shnong.
- (53) **“Ka Kot Hukum”** means a permission granted by the Syiem and his Dorbar or Management Board as the case may be for opening or setting up or constructing of shop or building within the markets or any transaction of business within the area of Langrin Syiemship under certain terms and conditions as may be prescribed and determined by the Syiem and his Dorbar or the Management Board as the case may be.
- (54) **“Codification”** means the prevailing customary practices (Customs and usages) of Langrin Syiemship which have been codified and given statutory recognition under the Act and Rules framed thereunder.
- (55) **“Nongshongshnong”** means u khun u-hajar, u khun-soh-shnong, u khun-soh-syiem, bad u raiot.
- (56) **“Bar Hima”** means a person who is not a Nongshongshnong of the Syiemship who resides in other Himas or Elakas or other parts of India excluding a Dkhar.
- (57) **“Dkhar”** means any person who does not belong to the Khasi Community excluding a Raiot.
- (58) **“Dko”** means an Achik or a Garo.
- (59) **“Khun-u-hajar”** means any person belonging to the Khasi Community of Langrin Syiemship mother irrespective of the Community/ nationality of the father who has been continually following the Khasi Culture like matrilineal System, Customs and usages prevailing in the Syiemship since time immemorial.
- (60) **“Khun-soh-Shnong”** means u khun u hajar who migrated from one village and settled in another village within the Syiemship who has been recognized as such by the Village Durbar presently he/she lives in.
- (61) **“Khun Soh Syiem”** means a person belonging to the Khasi Community who migrated from another Hima or Elaka or part of India or part of the World duly permitted and lives within the Syiemship and pays allegiance to the Syiem and his authority and consistently followed the customs and the administrative system prevailing in the Syiemship and who has been recognized as such by the village Durbar and the Durbar Syiem.
- (62) **“Raiot”** means a person belonging to the Dko/Hajong/Rabha and any other Community who by virtue of defeat during war time in olden days thereby subjected to compulsory allegiance to the authority of the Syiem of Langrin or by virtue of migration and common allegiance to such authority, traditions, customs, Religious beliefs, sense of security etc or by virtue of closer ethnic-affinity, age old relationship etc in olden times was allowed, placed and brought under the administrative control and territorial jurisdiction of the

Syiem thereby enabled him/her to settle or sojourn in the Raid or Community land or any Part of the Syiemship and uniformly followed the customary practices and usages prevailing in the Syiemship.

### **3. Amendment of Rule 3(2) of the Rules, 2010.**

**In the existing Rule 3(2), a new Sub Rule 3(2) (xi) be inserted with the following namely;**

(xi). The Executive Committee in due consultation with the Hima determined and notify the number of Polling Station of the Election of the Syiem for the convenient of the electors/voters.

In the existing Rules 3(2), a new proviso shall be inserted with the following:

Provided that any complaint against the Syiem or Acting Syiem or before any action is taken should first be brought before the Dorbar Hima for necessary discussion and decision and such Dorbar shall be convened and presided over by the Deputy Syiem or by any member elected by the members present in the meeting in case of his absence.

### **4. Amendment of Rule 4 of the Rules, 2010.**

**After Rule 4 of the Rules, 2010 a new Rule 4A shall be inserted with the following namely;**

**4A(1) - Eligibility for appointment as Rangbah Kur-** A male elder of the Kpoh of the Kur shall qualify to be selected or nominated or elected as Rangbah Kur if he possess the following qualifications:-

- (i) He is a natural descendant of the Khasi clan or Kur and both his parents are indigenous Khasi by birth.
- (ii) He is a male adult who commands respect socially and has good moral character.
- (iii) He is a resident of any village(s) within Langrin Syiemship.
- (iv) He is selected, nominated or elected by the Dorbar Kur of the Kpoh.
- (v) He is well conversant with the customary laws, practices and usages of Langrin Syiemship.
- (vi) He is governed by Khasi matrilineal system of lineage, laws, practices, inheritance and succession of the Khasis.
- (vii) He can read, write and speak the Khasi language.

**(2) - Duty and Function of the Rangbah Kur:-** The Rangbah Kur of respective Kpoh is a representative head. He shall exercise his functions as may be delegated by the Dorbar Kur of the respective Kpoh in accordance with the prevailing customary practices and the provisions of this rules. He cannot take any unilateral decisions without the prior approval and consent of the Dorbar Kur of the respective Kpoh.

**(3)– Nomination and selection of Rangbah Kur:-** Every Kpoh of a Kur shall select or nominate a Rangbah Kur of the Kpoh who shall carry out the duties and functions as prescribed under Rule 4A(2) above.

**(4) -** When the position of the Rangbah Kur is vacant, the respective Kpoh of the Kur/Clan shall identify an eligible person to be nominated or selected by consensus as such Rangbah Kur of the Kur/Clan of the Kpoh. All nomination and selection of the Rangbah Kur shall be forwarded to the Syiem and his Dorbar and the same shall place before the Dorbar Syiem to be convened and presided by the Syiem or in his absence by any authorized person on such date and time as may be fixed for the purpose. The confirmation of the Syiem and his Dorbar shall be intimated to the Executive Committee for record. The Syiem and his Dorbar shall issue an appointment Sanad to the Rangbah Kur under such term and conditions as the Syiem and his Dorbar may be prescribed.

#### **5. Amendment of Rule 5 of the Rules, 2010.**

- (i) The existing Sub rule (4)(iii) of Rule 5 after the word "Dkhar", the word "without the prior approval of the Syiem and his Dorbar" shall be inserted.
- (ii) In the existing Rule 5, a new sub rule (5) shall be inserted namely;

**(5).** The Syiem and his Dorbar as per the existing prevailing customary practices have the power to issue/grant any residential certificate or certificate as a proof of residence or no objection certificate for any purposes to the bonafide resident of Langrin Syiemship and the fee for the same shall, as may be determined by the Syiem and his Dorbar from time to time.

#### **6. Amendment of Rule 6 of the Rules, 2010.**

**After Rule 6 of the Rules, 2010, a new Rule 6A shall be inserted with the following:-**

**6A(1). ESTABLISHMENT OF THE DORBAR SHNONG -** There shall be a Dorbar Shnong for each village within the jurisdiction of Langrin Syiemship for Ka Synshar, Ka Khadar, Ka Bishar, and for socio-economic development of the village. Its deliberations, decisions and actions shall be guided by the tenets of Khasi values as codified under the Act and the rules framed thereunder.

Provided that the Dorbar Shnong may constitute the Village Development Committee and may also constitute different committees to assist in the discharge of different functions and assignments thereof. The Village Development Committee or any others Committee so constituted shall be answerable to the administrative control of the Dorbar Shnong/Hima.

Provided further that the Dorbar Shnong may constitute conciliatory committees for amicable settlement of disputes pertaining to the villagers within its territorial jurisdiction.

**(2). COMPOSITION OF DORBAR SHNONG:** (1) The Dorbar Shnong for each village shall consist of Khasi or Garo inhabitants as the case may be, of the village above the age of 18 years and annually new members shall be inducted on the basis of Ka Pynskhem Dkhot. The constitution of Dorbar Shnong shall be reported annually to the Syiem and his Dorbar which shall maintain record thereof.

(3). Dorbar Shnong of a village shall be a body corporate in its name with common seal and succession which can sue or be sued in its name.

(4). **POWERS AND FUNCTIONS OF THE DORBAR SHNONG** - Subject to such rules as may be prescribed in this behalf by the Syiem and his Dorbar, the following shall be the powers and function of the Dorbar Shnong within its territorial jurisdiction:-

- (i) To ensure general discipline, social order and tranquility in the village in cases of intra and inter village affairs.
- (ii) To provide protection and care for the village population, and in particular for the children, women, youth and persons with disabilities and any other person or family in difficult circumstances.
- (iii) To protect and conserve all community lands and forestlands or any other village resources against land alienation and privatization for the interest of the village community.
- (iv) To conserve and protect Khlaw Kyntang or Khlaw Lyngdoh or Khlaw Niam and Khlaw Adong or Khlaw Shnong, and to promote the establishment of new forestlands such as Khlaw Kyntang or Khlaw Lyngdoh or Khlaw Niam and Khlaw Adong or Khlaw Shnong.
- (v) To protect and ensure the rights of access to land for sustainable livelihoods practices for the economically poor and landless households within the territorial jurisdiction of the Dorbar Shnong.
- (vi) It shall be responsible in organizing and giving legitimate entity to the Village Development Committee; and it shall ensure that women and youth are active participants and members of the Village Development Committee.
- (vii) To maintain a population register in the village where the name of each household and its residents is recorded. No certificate can be issued by the Rangbah Shnong to any individual unless his/her name has been recorded in the register. The serial number of the individual in the village register shall be clearly mentioned in each certificate issued by the Rangbah Shnong.
- (viii) In recognition to the customary practices prevailing within the Syiemship, may issue residential certificates or certificate as a proof of residence to the inhabitants (Nongshong Shnong) of the village.
- (ix) To prevent arbitrary usage of natural water sources and ground water for exclusive personal purpose and to ensure preservation and usage of all natural water sources and ground water for common sustainable use of the village and its residents.
- (x) To restrict the manufacturing, sale and use of non-biodegradable materials such as low density plastic bags and to ensure proper and scientific disposal of waste.
- (xi) To maintain general and special fund for executing developmental projects in the village and to receive grants-in-aids from the District Council, State and Central Government or any other Institution/Agency.

- (xii) May issue No-objection Certificates with prior approval of the Syiem and his Dorbar for the purpose of Trade License and for Mortgage of land or for any purposes based on charges and fees fixed and determined by the Syiem and his Dorbar from time to time.
- (xiii) To ensure strict implementation and also report violation of the provisions of The United Khasi-Jaintia Hills District (Trading by Non-Tribals) Regulation, 1954 and Rules framed thereunder to the Syiem and his Dorbar.
- (xiv) As per the prevailing customary practices, the Dorbar Shnong may suspend the membership of any of its member(s) who are inhabitant of the village if he/she is found to be responsible in causing any social disorder or have violated the prevailing customary practices of the Shnong or Hima or any Act or Rules or any order or resolution passed by the Executive Dorbar or Dorbar Shnong or the Syiem and his Dorbar.

Provided that no member or inhabitant of the village shall be suspended without giving him/her an opportunity of being heard.

- (xv) As per the prevailing customary practices, the Dorbar Shnong shall have empathy and provide care for persons with physical or mental disabilities and as immediate authority may humanely restrain any person(s) whether mentally challenged or otherwise involving in any violent act so as to prevent any physical harm or injury to any of the inhabitant(s) of the village and the same be immediately reported and forwarded to the appropriate authority.
- (xvi) To issue certificates authenticating birth and death of the residents of the village.

**(5). DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE DORBAR SHNONG:-**

Subject to the Rules as may be prescribed in this behalf by the Syiem and his Dorbar, the following shall be the duties and responsibilities of the Dorbar Shnong;

- (i) To shoulder the role and responsibility concerning any matters and affairs of the village.
- (ii) To ensure that all inhabitants of the village be given equal treatment and fair share in all respects including welfare and socio-economic development.
- (iii) Peace and harmony, forming of the Village Development Committee, appointment of U Sangot, Registry of households and inhabitants, registry of birth and death, health and sanitation, cremation or burial sites, village infrastructure, waste management and disposal of waste, environment and ecology, water sources, community land and forestlands, Private lands, forest fires, construction of houses, markets, promote tourism related activities, etc.
- (iv) To assist and provide local information as may be required by the Syiem and his Dorbar, District Council, the State Government or any other authority through the Syiem and his Dorbar;
- (v) To protect the life and property of inhabitants and households of the village.
- (vi) To establish and maintain burial and cremation grounds and regulating of burial and cremation therein.

- (vii) To remove encroachment on roads, footpaths, public places and property vested in the Dorbar Shnong.
- (viii) To ensure that all welfare and socio-economic development programmes implemented by the Village Development Committee reaches and benefits the target beneficiaries.
- (ix) To protect the integrity of the Syiemship and the village and uphold its dignity at all times.
- (x) To ensure financial accountability of the Executive Dorbar, Village Development Committee and village-based voluntary organisations and to organise social auditing through active participation of all inhabitants of the village.
- (xi) To coordinate with neighbouring villages in the protection of rivers and streams from pollution and any destructive practices like poisoning, etc.
- (xii) To ensure result oriented performance of the Village Development Committee as the socio-economic development and welfare body of the village, and to ensure its smooth and efficacious functioning through the active participation of all inhabitants of the village.
- (xiii) To ensure that the Executive Dorbar, Village Development Committee and village-based voluntary organisations prepare and present the annual and periodical report and statement of audited account to the Dorbar Shnong as per the rules and submit the same to the Syiem and his Dorbar.
- (xiv) To ensure that all decisions and order passed by the Dorbar Shnong be made public by U Sangot or through any means of communication.
- (xv) To bring any matters concerning acts of violence against any inhabitants or households of the village to the Deputy Commissioner of the district and the Police.
- (xvi) Any other function and powers as may be delegated or by notification prescribed by the Syiem and his Dorbar from time to time.

**(6). PROHIBITIONS:-**

The Dorbar Shnong and the Rangbah Shnong of the village shall not in any form or in manner arbitrarily decide or act or impose or condone or incite any of the followings:-

- (i) Encourage, initiate, comply or condone with any kinds of injustice or destruction of property or acts of violence against inhabitants or households on basis of rumours or allegations.
- (ii) Condone allegations or rumors of witchcraft, sorcery and or any practice of black magic against any person, individual or any inhabitants or households of the village.
- (iii) Cause injustice against any inhabitants or households of the village solely on the basis of difference, of political affiliations or difference of faiths or differences of opinions and practices.
- (iv) Allow any kinds of allegations to spiral out of control among inhabitants or households of the village.
- (v) Condone or comply with any kinds of violent acts that may cause harm or loss of life of any inhabitants or households of the village.

**(7). THE CEREMONY OF KA JINGPYNSKHEM DKHOT DORBAR:** At the commencement of the annual meeting of the Dorbar Shnong, the Rangbah Shnong shall introduce the newly listed Khasi inhabitants of the village who have attained the age of 18 years in the course of preceding year and/or have newly settled in the village to the members of the Dorbar Shnong and shall explain to such new members the basic tenets and responsibilities related to “Ka Synshar, Ka Khadar and Ka Bishar”, Ka Hok Ka Sot”, “Ka Burom Ka Akor” and their role as the responsible member of the village community. Upon taking of their pledge, they shall be inducted and registered as the members of the Dorbar Shnong after having put their signature/thumb impression in the register of the Dorbar Shnong maintained for the purpose.

**(8). U SYNÑIANG U BYNHEI SHNONG:-** As per the customary practice of Khasi society, the Dorbar Shnong shall continue with the practice of U Synniang U Bynhei for the purpose of Ka Synshar, Ka Khadar and Ka Bishar.

**(9)(1). NOMINATION, ELECTION AND CONFIRMATION OF THE RANGBAH SHNONG**

- When the vacancy occurs in the office of the Rangbah Shnong or in the event of the post of the Rangbah Shnong falling vacant, the election or nomination to fill up the post, as the case maybe, shall be conducted by the Syiem and his Dorbar as per prevailing custom of the Village and the Hima and/or in accordance with the provisions of the Act and the rules framed thereunder.

- (i) All report/proceedings of nomination and/or elections of Rangbah Shnong and Executive Dorbar shall be reported by the Secretary Dorbar Shnong or any authorised person to the Syiem and his Dorbar for confirmation and affirmation within a period of 5 (five) working days. The Syiem and his Dorbar shall within a period of 10 (ten) working days of receipt of the report give its confirmation unless there is any dispute or appeal pending in respect of such election/nomination. Only after the confirmation and affirmation of the Syiem and his Dorbar, the Appointment Sanad/order shall be issued to the Rangbah Shnong with intimation to the Executive Committee and the Executive Dorbar shall be constituted within 7(seven) days from the date of receipt of the appointment Sanad.
- (ii) If any dispute arises regarding any matter relating to or connected with the election or nomination of Rangbah Shnong and Executive Dorbar, the dispute shall be referred by the party or parties concerned to the Syiem and his Dorbar on payment of Dorbar/Application fee as may be determined by the Syiem and his Dorbar from time to time.
- (iii) An appeal against the order/ decision shall lie to the Executive Committee whose decision shall be final. Such appeal shall be filed within a period of 30(thirty) days from the date of such order/decision.

**(2):** Only a Khasi inhabitant who has attained the age of 25 years and a resident of the village and as per prevailing custom of the Hima or as per the provisions of the Act and the rules framed thereunder shall be eligible to be elected or nominated as the Rangbah Shnong.

Provided that in the village inhabited by the Garo, the Rangbah Shnong or Headman may be elected or nominated and appointed from among the Garo who are the bonafide resident of the respective villages to look after the welfare of the village falling under the direct administrative control of the Syiem and his Dorbar.

(3): The Rangbah Shnong should be a person of integrity and should not have been convicted under any penal offence and/or a declared insolvent or act against or undermined the authority of the Dorbar Shnong.

(4): After the election of the Rangbah Shnong, the Dorbar Shnong, shall form the Executive Dorbar to assist the Rangbah Shnong. Such Executive Dorbar shall include persons to hold the post of Deputy or Symbud Rangbah Shnong, the Secretary, the Assistant Secretary, the Treasurer, the Sangot and such other member(s) as may deemed necessary by the Dorbar Shnong. The Executive Dorbar shall function in accordance with the prescribed rules and guidance provided by the Dorbar Shnong and shall be accountable to it. The Executive Dorbar shall continue as long as they have the confidence and support of the Dorbar Shnong.

Provided that the Syiem and his Dorbar may on its own convene and conduct the election and issue appointment in the event of the Dorbar Shnong fails or neglect to elect/nominate a Rangbah Shnong and the Executive Dorbar within a period of one month of the post falling vacant or on any count. The decision of the Syiem and his Dorbar in this case shall be final and binding.

**(10). DUTIES, ACCOUNTABILITY AND RESPONSIBILITY OF THE RANGBAH SHNONG:-**

- (i) To maintain, preserve and protect records pertaining to the Dorbar Shnong and to represent the Dorbar Shnong;
- (ii) To protect and uphold Ka Hok Ka Sot and Ka Burom Ka Akor of the Dorbar Shnong.
- (iii) To be responsible in governing and administering the day-to-day affairs of the village and in coordination with the Executive Dorbar.
- (iv) Shall be responsible and accountable to the Dorbar Shnong and the Syiem and his Dorbar.
- (v) To organize and hold the Dorbar Shnong at least once a year or as when required or demanded by not less than 50 percent of the listed inhabitants of the village.
- (vi) To provide annual reports and audited statement of accounts to the Dorbar Shnong through the Executive Dorbar.
- (vii) To function according to the stipulated guidelines provided by the Dorbar Shnong and the rules stipulated by the Syiem and his Dorbar.
- (viii) To keep the institution of Dorbar Shnong neutral during elections of the District Council, the Meghalaya Legislative Assembly and the Lok Sabha.
- (ix) To protect and care for the welfare of aged persons, women and children, persons with disabilities and persons or households in difficult circumstances.
- (x) To chair all meetings of the Dorbar Shnong and such other meetings stipulated under the Act and the rules framed thereunder. In his absence the meetings shall be chaired by the Deputy or Symbud Rangbah Shnong or any person selected for the purpose.
- (xi) The Rangbah Shnong cannot take decisions on any matters concerning the village without prior consent of the Executive Dorbar.



- (xii) The Rangbah Shnong cannot issue residential certificates or No Objection Certificates to any (non-Khasi) person without the prior approval and consent of the Executive Dorbar and the Syiem and his Dorbar.
- (xiii) The Rangbah Shnong cannot enter into negotiation with any outside agencies or organizations or corporations or groups or individuals without the prior approval and consent of the Dorbar Shnong and the Syiem and his Dorbar.
- (xiv) The Rangbah Shnong cannot issue No Objection Certificates to any company or firm or society or organization or group or individual or clan in matters concerning allotment, occupation, use or setting apart of land or forestlands or any other village resources without the prior approval and consent of the Dorbar Shnong and the Syiem and his Dorbar.
- (xv) The Rangbah Shnong shall in coordination with the Executive Dorbar, initiate the formation of Village Development Committee.

**(11)(1). REMOVAL OF THE RANGBAH SHNONG:-** (1) The Rangbah Shnong may be suspended or removed from office in a meeting of the Dorbar Shnong specially convened for the purpose in the event of the Rangbah Shnong violating any provisions of the Act or the Rules framed hereunder;

Or

- (i) The Rangbah Shnong has lost the confidence of the majority of the members of the Dorbar Shnong;

Or

- (ii) The Rangbah Shnong violates any of the terms and conditions of the appointment;

Or

- (iii) The Rangbah Shnong violates any laws, regulation, rules and resolutions passed by the Syiem and his Dorbar or the District Council;

Or

- (iv) The Rangbah Shnong refuses to carry out the orders and instructions issued by the Syiem and his Dorbar or the Executive Committee;

Or

- (v) The Rangbah Shnong has been incapable of carrying on the administration to the satisfaction of the Syiem and his Dorbar due to ill health, old age or habitual drunkenness;

Or

- (vi) The Rangbah Shnong violates any customary rights and practices prevailing in the Hima concerned and duly approved by the Executive Committee;

Or

- (vii) The Rangbah Shnong has been convicted of an offence involving moral turpitude;

Or

- (viii) The Rangbah Shnong has oppressed the people of the village and they have just cause for dissatisfaction with his misrule;

Or

- (ix) The Rangbah Shnong is an undischarged insolvent;

Or

- (x) The Rangbah Shnong has been conducting himself in a manner derogatory to his office or pre-judicial to the interest of the village;

Or

- (xi) The Rangbah Shnong has been conducting himself in a manner which may undermine the authority of the Syiemship or the Executive Committee;

Provided that no Rangbah Shnong shall be removed or suspended under Rule 11(1) above unless he is given an opportunity of being heard.

Provided further that the requirements of the first proviso above shall not apply –

- (i) in the case where the order or removal or punishment or suspension is awarded on account of his being convicted of an offence involving moral turpitude;
- (ii) in the case of order of suspension pending inquiry.

(2) Upon removal or resignation or death of the Rangbah Shnong, the Deputy or Symbud Rangbah Shnong along with the Executive Dorbar shall assume responsibility of the Rangbah Shnong with intimation to the Syiem and his Dorbar for formal order and discharge day to day normal duties until a new Rangbah Shnong is appointed and the Executive Dorbar is reconstituted. The entire process of appointment of the new Rangbah Shnong and the reconstitution of the new Executive Dorbar shall be completed within a period of 30 (thirty) days from the date of vacation of the office of the Rangbah Shnong.

Provided that the Dorbar Shnong may by not less than 50 percent of its members with prior intimation to the Syiem and his Dorbar requisition a meeting of the Dorbar Shnong to recall and elect a new Rangbah Shnong and the Executive Dorbar and within 7 days of receipt of such requisition the Rangbah Shnong shall convene the meeting.

**(12). DUTIES AND FUNCTION OF THE EXECUTIVE DORBAR -** The Executive Dorbar shall perform such function and duties as assigned or entrusted by the Dorbar Shnong and it shall see that the existing prevailing customary practices, Act and rules framed thereunder, the rules, regulation, orders and resolutions passed by the Syiem and his Dorbar or the District Council or Executive Committee or Dorbar Shnong are implemented in letter and spirit. It shall be collectively be responsible for carrying the day to day affairs on behalf of the Dorbar Shnong and it shall be accountable to the Dorbar Shnong.

**(13). TERM OF OFFICE OF THE RANGBAH SHNONG AND EXECUTIVE DORBAR-** The Rangbah Shnong shall remained or continued in office as long as he enjoyed the confidence of the Dorbar Shnong or the majority of the member of the Dorbar Shnong.

Provided that the Rangbah Shnong may be removed from office if he has lost the confidence of the Dorbar Shnong or if he violates or contravenes any of the provisions of the Act and Rules framed thereunder or the prevailing customary practices in the village and the Hima.

**(14). THE VILLAGE DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE:-**

- (i) With effect from the date of coming into force of this Rules, every Rangbah Shnong may constitute a Village Development Committee to enable and ensure the peoples/village residence participation in welfare and socio-economic development of the village and based on people's participation and a sense of community ownership and it shall be guided by the principles of Ka Hok Ka Sot and Ka Burom Ka Akor. The Village Development Committee shall be under the general control and supervision of the Dorbar Shnong and it shall be answerable and accountable to the Dorbar Shnong.
- (ii) It shall consist of all residents of the village above the age of 18 (eighteen) years or as may be determined and decided by the Dorbar Shnong or the Syiem and his Dorbar and they shall form the general body of the Village Development Committee.
- (iii) It shall be a permanent non-hierarchical body, and its decision-making shall be based on consensus, and any person holding office in the Village Development Committee shall be accountable to its general council, the Executive Dorbar, the Dorbar Shnong and the Syiem and his Dorbar.
- (iv) The members of the Village Development Committee in its first meeting shall elect a Chairperson from amongst themselves in a general body meeting chaired by the Rangbah Shnong specially convened for the said purpose by way of simple majority. The Chairperson so elected shall preside over the meetings of the Village Development Committee without any power to decide independently or unilaterally; and in the absence of the Chairperson, the Village Development Committee can select any of its member to chair the meeting.
- (v) The members of the Village Development Committee shall elect a person from among themselves a Secretary of the committee. The term of the Secretary shall be for a period of three years. The Secretary shall maintain records of the proceedings, and shall prepare the Annual Reports and statement of accounts and shall submit the same to the Executive Dorbar for placing the same before the Dorbar Shnong for deliberation, consideration and approval.
- (vi) The Treasurer of the Dorbar Shnong shall be the ex-officio treasurer of the Village Development Committee who shall be responsible for maintaining correct and true account of all the receipt and expenditure of all funds executed through the Village Development Committee.
- (vii) After the formation of the Village Development Committee, the Dorbar Shnong shall inform to the Syiem and his Dorbar.
- (viii) The Treasurer shall prepare and submit quarterly account of all receipt and expenditure to the Executive Dorbar for its verification. The Executive Dorbar shall prepare annual statement of accounts there from and present the same at the annual meeting of the Dorbar Shnong for its approval.

- (ix) The annual account of the Village Development Committee shall be audited by the Auditor appointed by the Executive Dorbar with prior approval of the Dorbar Shnong.
- (x) The audited account so maintained by the treasurer shall be placed before the Executive Dorbar and the Village Development Committee in each of its meetings.

**(15). RULES AND REGULATION OF THE VILLAGE DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE:-**

Subject to the provisions of the Act and Rules framed thereunder and orders that may be passed by Syiem and his Dorbar, the Village Development Committee with the approval of the Dorbar Shnong shall have the power to formulate rules and regulations for dealing with matters such as meetings, absence, reporting, local contributions, planning, implementation and monitoring of schemes, etc., in the discharge of its function and responsibility.

**(16). FUNCTION AND RESPONSIBILITY OF THE VILLAGE DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE:-**

The Village Development Committee shall have the power and shall be responsible in matters such as:

- (i) It shall be the participatory developmental planning and implementing body of the village.
- (ii) It shall collect village data and prepare reports on the village, and shall prepare resource map of the village.
- (iii) It shall formulate Village Annual Plans, perspective plans, and strategy for implementation.
- (iv) It shall implement all developmental schemes and programmes;
- (v) It shall train inhabitants of the village in various aspects concerning health and hygiene, waste disposal, domestic management, skills, etc; and it shall train its members /office bearers in matters of accounting and financial management.
- (vi) It shall promote and improve the livelihoods and food security of the inhabitants by taking up various kinds of developmental activities.
- (vii) It shall promote, protect and conserve indigenous seeds, plants or species; and indigenous knowledge systems and practices.
- (viii) It shall be responsible in advocating on land related issues affecting the landless and the poor in the village.
- (ix) It shall conduct assessment and initiate sustainable management of Natural Resources.
- (x) It shall identify and select individual beneficiaries whether Below Poverty Line (BPL) or Above Poverty Line (APL) for various development schemes/projects/programmes of the government and the District Council.
- (xi) It shall raise local resources for its own development.
- (xii) It shall identify, prepare and implement village-based projects/schemes of the government and the District Council.

- (xiii) It shall train itself to monitor and evaluate projects/schemes of individuals, groups or village, and send its report to the concerned authorities.
- (xiv) It shall interact with credible Non-Governmental Organisations Government/Institutions including research institutions.
- (xv) It shall facilitate Self-Help Groups, potential entrepreneurs and micro-enterprise, village associations for the youth and women.
- (xvi) It shall prepare annual reports and audited statement of accounts.

**(17). TERM OF OFFICE OF VILLAGE DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE OFFICE BEARERS:-**

Subject to the provisions of rule 20, The duration of Office bearers of the Village Development Committee shall be for 3 (three) years.

**(18). MEETINGS OF THE VILLAGE DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE:-**

The Chairperson and the Secretary shall organise the general body of the Village Development Committee four times a year or as and when required or demanded by the villagers.

**(19). REMOVAL OF OFFICE BEARERS** - Any person holding office under the Village Development Committee shall be removed from office by the Village Development Committee with the approval of the Executive Dorbar if he/she acts arbitrarily or if he/she misuses developmental funds or if he/she takes any decision without the prior consent and approval from the body of the Village Development Committee.

**(20). EMERGENCY POWERS OF THE SYIEM AND HIS DORBAR :-**

- (1) In the event of any instance of gross violation or subversion of the provisions of the Act or Rules framed thereunder, the Syiem and his Dorbar shall have the power to suspend and or supersede the Rangbah Shnong or the Executive Dorbar or any committee(s) or any/all Office Bearer(s) of the Village Development Committee and take over the administration of the village or may appoint an Administrative Officer/ Acting Rangbah Shnong to administer the village until a new Rangbah Shnong or Executive Dorbar or any other committee(s) or any such Office Bearer(s) has been elected as per the provisions of the Act and the rules framed thereunder.

Provided that no Executive Dorbar or Rangbah Shnong or Office Bearer or any other committee(s) shall be suspended or superseded without giving such Rangbah Shnong or Executive Dorbar or any other committee(s) the opportunity of being heard. Any order passed by the Syiem and his Dorbar under this rules shall be final.

**(21). ANNOUNCEMENT, NOTIFICATION OF ORDERS, RULES, RESOLUTIONS AND INFORMATION:-**

All orders, resolutions and any other information passed by the Dorbar Shnong or the Village Development Committee shall be in writing and forthwith proclaimed or notified through U Sangot appointed for the purpose as per prevailing custom of the Village.

**(22). APPEALS:-**

- (i) Appeals against any order made by the Dorbar Shnong under the provisions of the Act and the rules framed thereunder shall lie to the Syiem and his Dorbar whose decision shall be final.
- (ii) Every appeal made under this rules shall be preferred by a party within one month from the date of the order appealed against. However, if any delay in filing the appeal beyond the period of one month may be condoned by the appellate authority on good and sufficient reasons shown by the appellant for such delay.

**(23). REVIEW OF ORDERS:-**

- (i) The Syiem and his Dorbar may, either on its own motion or on the application of any party interested, review any order passed by itself. Review and/or revise any order passed by any authority of the Dorbar Shnong or the Syiem and his Dorbar acting under this rules and pass such order in reference thereto as it may deem necessary after affording hearing to all parties to be affected by such order of review/revision.
- (ii) No order shall be reviewed at the instance of any party except on the following grounds, viz.—
  - (a) discovery of new and important matter of evidence having bearing to the subject which could not be produced earlier in spite of due diligence; or
  - (b) some mistake or error apparent on the face of the record; or
  - (c) any other sufficient reason for the ends of justice.

**(24). REMOVAL OF DIFFICULTIES:-** If any difficulty arises in interpreting or giving effect to any provision of this rules, the Syiem and his Dorbar may as occasion requires, take any action not inconsistent with the provisions of this rules which may appears to it necessary for the purpose of removing such difficulty.

**7. Amendment of Rule 9 of the Rules, 2010.**

In the existing Rule 9(1) a new proviso shall be inserted with the following:-

Provided that the Syiem and his Dorbar have the right and power to cancel or recalled any registration of land on receiving a reasonable complaint, accompanied with substantiated documents and evidence after giving a show cause notice and afforded an opportunity of being heard to the parties.

**8. Amendment of Rule 8 of the Rules, 2010.**

After Rule 8 of the Rules, 2010, a new Rule 8A shall be inserted with the following:-

**8A (1).** Every goods converted into trade which are transported outside the jurisdiction of Langrin Syiemship and shall be subjected to payment of the customary tolls at the rate prescribed by the Dorbar Syiem from time to time. The rates of tolls are subject to revision from time to time with the approval of the Dorbar Hima.

- (2). Every owner or driver or carrier or agent of the goods shall be liable to pay the prescribed customary tolls at the toll gate or revenue station authorized by the Hima for the purpose.
- (3). As per the prevailing customs and usages, the customary tolls shall be payable by the owner or driver or carrier or agent on the spot at the tollgate or revenue station in one installment to the collector on duty who will issue a receipt for the same as may be prescribed by the Syiem and his Dorbar.
- (4).
  - (i) The owner or driver or agent shall not enter into controversy with the collector or authorized officer at the check gate, but if a dispute arises as to the liability of the payment of the tolls, the aggrieved party shall at the first instance pay the tolls at the tollgate and thereafter prefer an appeal before the Syiem and his Dorbar whose decision shall be final and binding.
  - (ii) For breach of Rule 4 (i) of this Rule or refusal to pay the toll the offender shall be liable to prosecution or conviction to pay a fine or may the vehicle detain as the Syiem and his Dorbar as deem fit and proper.
- (5). The Syiem and his Dorbar as per the prevailing customs and usages shall have the right and power to determine the number and location of the customary toll gate at different convenient and suitable places within the jurisdiction of Langrin Syiemship.
- (6). The Dorbar Syiem as per the prevailing custom and usages shall have the right and power to determine the necessary terms and conditions and other matters connected with the allotment of lessee/maholders.
- (7). The toll gate or toll house or revenue station may be inspected by the Syiem/Officer and such other officials duly authorized by the Dorbar Syiem.
- (8). As per the prevailing customary and usages no person shall established any new market except with the previous permission of the Syiem and his Dorbar.
- (9). The Dorbar Syiem as per the prevailing customs and usages may either on application or on its own initiative, establish a new market in such place or places as considered necessary, such market as well as other established Syiemship markets shall be managed by the Syiem and his Dorbar, and the toll and or taxes there from shall be collected by it or its employee or lease.

- (10). The Dorbar Syiem may if it so requires, appoint a Managing Committee to look after such markets. The member of such committee, their power and function, their number and tenure of office shall be determined by the Syiem and his Dorbar or in accordance with rule which may be framed by the Syiem and his Dorbar under this Rule.
- (11). The Dorbar Syiem as per the prevailing customs and usages may shift or order the shifting of any market from its original site to any suitable alternative if it is of the opinion that:-
- (a) Such action would be for to the convenience of the people attending the market.
  - (b) If the original site of the market is unsafe to life and property on account of its being liable to flood or subjected to epidemic occurrence.
- (12). COLLECTION OF CUSTOMARY TOLL AND MARKET TOLL:
- (1) The Syiem and his Dorbar shall prescribe the rates of market tolls or as the case may be the rate of tolls levied on the entry of goods into any market for sale therein. The rate so prescribed shall be in cash and shall also be published for general information.
- Provided that the different rate of toll or taxes may be prescribed for different market and such rate shall be enforced until further revised or modified by the Syiem and his Dorbar and shall be reported in the subsequent Dorbar Hima.
- Provided that no tax or market toll shall be livable on a person who attend the market only for the purpose of purchasing goods for personal consumption or a person who enters the market without purchasing anything.
- (2). The market tolls of all markets within the jurisdiction of Langrin Syiemship shall be prescribed by the Dorbar Syiem and such rate shall be publish for general information with intimation to Executive Committee.
- (13). The right to collect customary toll and market tolls shall, as far as practicable, be settled by public auction or notice inviting tender by the Syiem and his Dorbar.
- (14). (1) Allotment of stalls or market shed or land for the construction of market shed or building shall be made by the Management Board in case the land falls within the Joint Property or the Syiem and his Dorbar or as the case may be, Only one stall ordinarily be allotted to one person and first preference shall be given to a bonafide resident of Langrin Syiemship.

Provided that the management of the market concerned may, with the previous approval of the Dorbar Syiem: - (a) allot not more than two stall to a deserving bonafide resident (b) The management of the market concerned may, subject to such rates as may be prescribed by the Dorbar Syiem, Levy and collect from a stall holder an annual rent in respect of the stall allotted to him or her.



- (2). Notwithstanding the allotment made to him/her and the rent or KOT HUKUM paid by him or her, the stall holder or shop's owner shall have no other right at all over the land covered by the stall or over the stall or shop or building so allotted except the occupancy right to use the stall or shop or building in accordance with the Rules and order as may prescribed by the Management Board or the Syiem and his Dorbar as the case may be from time to time.
- (15). No stall holder or shop holder or building shall sublet or transfer the stall or shop or building allotted to him/her to any other person except with the prior permission of the Management Board or the Syiem and his Dorbar as the case may be provided that in the case where the proposed sub lessee or transfer is a non tribal the management of the market concerned shall not accord permission without the prior approval of the Syiem and his Dorbar.
- (16). In allotting stalls or land for construction of shop within the market area, the Management Board or the Syiem and his Dorbar as the case may be shall:- (a) arrange the stall or shop or land so allotted as far as practicable so that sale of each commodity are grouped together and that different portion of the market are allotted for sale of different commodities. (b) In no case sale or stocking of any commodity on the spaces provided for footpaths within the market area shall be allowed.
- (17). (1) The boundary of the market may be clearly defined with boundary pillar fixed by the management concerned. (2) No residential building shall be allowed within the market area and in no case shall market stall or shop or building within the market area be converted into residential or a shop cum residential building. (3) Any person found contravening the provision of sub Rule (2) above shall be liable to a fine which the Management Board or the Dorbar Syiem as the case may be shall prescribe as deem fit and proper and whatever right he/she has over the stall or building may be forfeited and such building or structure may be dismantled or taken over by or under the order of the Management Board or the Syiem and his Dorbar as the case may be without any claim for payment of compensation thereof.
- (18). (1) No intoxicating articles such as liquor, opium, ganja etc shall be brought or sold within the market area, and no gambling or any game of chance shall be carried out within the area. The commission of any of the said article shall constitute an offence under this Rule.
- (2) The Syiem and his Dorbar shall have the right and power to seize any article connected with the commission of the said offence and also take such action deemed necessary to prevent its commission.
- (19). As per the prevailing customs and usages of the Syiemship, the Syiem and his Dorbar shall have the right and the discretionary power to dismantle any shop or stall or building or any illegal construction within the Syiemship market for the convenient and the general interest of the people at large, since the land of the Syiemship markets are absolutely owned by the Syiemship or the Management Board as the case may be.
- (20). As per the prevailing customs and usages of the Syiemship which have been in practice, the normal width of the footpath in the market shall be 12 (twelve) feet and the village path shall be 18(eighteen) feet or 12(twelve) (pruh).

- (21). (1). The Syiem and his Dorbar as per the prevailing/established customs and usages shall have the right to collect a customary toll called “Ka Musur” at the prescribed rate for every carrier or merchandise that enter or passed through the Gad/Kad(s) erected whenever the traders transport for sale either to internal or external Syiemship Market.
- (2). The Syiem and his Dorbar as per the prevailing/established customs and usages of the Syiemship shall have the right to collect a customary toll called “Ka Bai Nguh Syiem” at the Gad/Kad(s) as may be determined and prescribed by the Syiem and his Dorbar and approved by the Dorbar Hima for every carrier of merchandise or produce or product coming from within the Syiemship that enters or passed through the authorised Gad/Kad(s) erected whenever the trader transport for sale either in the internal or external Syiemship Market.
- (3) The Syiem and his Dorbar as per the prevailing/established customs and usages which is the traditional institution shall have the right to issue Certificate of Origin (CO) on all produce or product or goods coming from within the area of the Syiemship and shall collect toll/fee for issuing the Certificate of Origin. The Certificate of Origin shall be prepared or prescribed and to be issued by the Syiem and his Dorbar only through the Lessees/Maholdar or authorized Agent.
- (4) The Syiem and his Dorbar as per the prevailing customs and usages since time immemorial shall have the right and power to issue the work permit with certain terms and conditions as may be prescribed by the Syiem and his Dorbar. This shall not apply in the case of the Khasi and Garo people.
- (22). No Public Meeting shall be held on any market day within the market area provided that the Dorbar Syiem may grant prior permission to any such being held if it is satisfied that such meeting is in the interest of the market.
- (23). The Dorbar Syiem may appoint such officers and assigned to them such designations as are appropriate for the proper carrying out of the purpose of these Rules.
- (24) (1) Petition of grievances against any order passed by the Management Board or by an officer of the Syiemship duly authorized by the Dorbar Syiem in this behalf under the Rules made thereunder or under the Dorbar Syiem order, shall lie to the Dorbar Syiem, whose decision shall be final.
- (2) Such petitions shall be filed within 30(thirty) days from the date of the order is communicated to the party or parties concerned accompanied by:-
- (a) A certificate copy of the order appealed against, and
- (b) A petition fees as may be prescribed by the Syiem and his Dorbar from to time.

Provided that the order purported to have been passed by the officer incharge may be reviewed by the Dorbar Syiem when there is a mistake or error apparent on the face of the record or when there is new important evidence.

- (3). Reviewed petition may be filed within 15 days from the date of such order accompanied with a fee as may be prescribed by the Syiem and his Dorbar.
- (4). A appeal against any order passed by the Syiem and his Dorbar under these Rule shall lie to Executive Committee. Such appeal shall be filed within 30 days from the date and receipt of such order along with the appeal fee as may be prescribed.
- (25).** (a) No, person or persons from outside the Langrin Syiemship shall allowed for business or marketing of minerals or forest produces extracted or removed within the jurisdiction of Langrin Syiemship without prior permission from the Syiem and his Dorbar.
- (b) For any breach of Rule 25(a) above the Syiem and his Dorbar shall pass necessary order to direct the land owner/Sordar/Headman concerned to stop extracting or removing of Minerals or Forest produces.
- (c) As per the prevailing customs and usages, any Lease Agreement between the Land Owner and the lessee for extraction or removal of any minerals or Forest produces within the area of Langrin Syiemship shall have to be registered their Agreement with the Syiem and his Dorbar, in order to avoid unnecessary controversy.
- (26)** (a) No, person from outside or inside the Syiemship shall be allowed to setup or opening up of Wine Store, Bonded Warehouse, Teer Counter, Jackpot, Play-win, On-Line Lottery etc., within the jurisdiction of Langrin Syiemship without prior permission from the Syiem and his Dorbar.
- (b) Any establishment or opening or setting up of factory or industry or company or dealer of any company within the jurisdiction of Langrin Syiemship shall have to obtain prior No Objection Certificate from the Headman/Sordar concerned, and the prior permission from the Syiem and his Dorbar before starting with, and in such permission, the Syiem and his Dorbar shall prescribe and determine the necessary terms and conditions as deem necessary.
- (27)** Benami transaction of any sort within Langrin Syiemship is strongly prohibited and any person or persons found violating it shall be appropriately penalized by the Syiem and his Dorbar.
- (28).** As per the prevailing customary practices, all the Syiemship markets within the jurisdiction of Langrin Syiemship shall be exclusively under the manage and control of the Syiem and his Dorbar.
- (29)** Any party aggrieved of any order passed by the Syiem and his Dorbar shall within 30 (thirty) days be appealed to the Executive Committee along with the certified copy of the order and the prescribed fee.
- (30).** Anything occurs which is not specifically mentioned in these Rule, the Syiem and his Dorbar shall have the power to decide as may deem fit and proper.
- (31).** The Fund of the Syiemship (Hima) from all incomes or receipt which the Syiemship or Hima is entitled to and such incomes shall be received or deposited to the Account of the Syiemship

through the duly prescribed Challan of the Syiemship and duly passed by the Syiem or Acting Syiem or authorized Member Dorbar Syiem. The proforma of the Challan is as shown in Appendix-A of these Rules.

**9. Amendment of Rule 11 of Rules 2010.**

**The existing Rule 11 of the Rules, 2010, a new Rule 11A shall be inserted with the following namely;**

**11A** (i). Any provisions of the Act and the Rules framed thereunder shall be amended on a decision and a written resolution of the Dorbar Hima.

(ii). The Syiem and his Dorbar may make rules for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this rules. Such rules when approved by the Executive Committee shall have the force of law.

(iii). Subject to the Rules made by the Syiem and his Dorbar.

The Dorbar Shnong may make rule for the purpose of carrying out the duties and responsibilities under this rules subject approval by the Syiem and his Dorbar.

Such rules shall be forwarded by the Dorbar Shnong to the Syiem and his Dorbar for approval and until approved by the Syiem and his Dorbar, they shall not have the force.

**11B(1).** No suit, prosecution or other legal proceedings shall lie against any officer or person for executing any order or in respect of anything which is in good faith done or intended to be done by any authorized officer or person under these Rules or orders made thereunder.

**STATEMENT OF OBJECT AND REASONS**

Whereas, it has become expedient to streamline and to provide for an efficient village administration which is transparent, accountable and to strengthen the time tested Khasi system of democracy, social custom, ideals, code of moral conduct, values and principle of honesty, justice, righteousness, respect, honour, dignity and manners.

Hence, this Amendment Rules.

Certified that The Administration of Langrin Syiemship (First Amendment), Rules, 2015 was passed by the Syiem and Dorbar of Langrin Syiemship on the 7<sup>th</sup> May, 2014 and approved by the Executive Committee, Khasi Hills Autonomous District Council.

Secretary to the Executive Committee,  
Khasi Hills Autonomous District Council,  
Shillong.

Appendix – A  
OFFICE OF THE SYIEM OF LANGRIN,  
LANGRIN SYIEMSHIP.

To,

The Branch Manager

\_\_\_\_\_ Branch.

Please credit to Account No....., of the Office of the  
Syiem of Langrin, Langrin Syiemship.

Name & Address of the Depositor .....

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Full Particulars of the Remittance	Amount	
	Rs.	P.

(Rupees ..... ) only.

Signature.

Date.....

Signature of the  
Syiem/Deputy Syiem/Officer

Bank's Signature & Seal